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21. (Amended) A production method of a plastic optical fiber, comprising the step of annealing a plastic optical fiber obtained by heat-drawing an undrawn fiber obtained by melt spinning, at a circumferential velocity ratio between (circumferential velocity of a rear roller / circumferential velocity of a front roller) between the front and rear rollers of 0.5 to 1.2 under heat conditions which satisfy  $4 \leq y \leq -1.5x + 330$  and  $(T_{gc} - 5)^{\circ}\text{C} \leq x \leq (T_{gc} + 110)^{\circ}\text{C}$ , wherein  $T_{gc}$  represents a glass transition temperature of a core,  $x$  represents an annealing temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), and  $y$  represents an annealing time (seconds), while a tension of  $0.35 \times 10^6$  to  $1.5 \times 10^6$  Pa is applied to the fiber.

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See the Appendix for amendments.